

Peter A. Hopper House
East Fair Lawn Avenue
Fair Lawn, Bergen County, New Jersey

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Peter A. Hopper House
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Fair Lawn, Bergen County, New Jersey

Owner: Radburn Management Corporation

Date of Erection: Original stone section 1766;
main portion 1780; frame addition added about 1887

Architect:

Builder: Peter A. Hopper

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - sandstone

Exterior walls - dressed sandstone

Interior walls - plaster;
inner walls 4x4 studs two feet center filled with stone laid in mud and plastered on both sides

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

The east wing of this house is the original part built in 1766 by Peter A. Hopper on the old Indian trail between Passaic and Saddle Rivers. Peter Hopper, in 1779, married Anna Doremus. The following year what is now the larger portion of the stone section was built.

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Peter Hopper died in 1818 leaving the homestead to his wife and children. Around 1830 the property went out of the possession of the Hoppers. It was owned from 1860-1930 by Henry Strehl who sold it to real estate developers.

The first Hopper in America was Andries, who settled in New Amsterdam in 1652. Two of his children, Matthew and Henderick, settled in New Jersey. The builder of this house was of the sixth generation of Hoppers and a descendant of Matthew.

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Miss Bailey calls this an unidentified house. She says that it stands on a tract granted in 1687 to the nine proprietors which was divided and partly sold in 1692 to the Van Wagoners, Van Ripers, and other families. It is marked on Erskine's map but not named. She says there are three sets of owners - the first one she claims she has not discovered, the second were the Strehls, and the third the Radburn Housing Corporation.

The two stone sections are typically pre-revolutionary. The frame addition is modern.

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